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Dear Ms Johnson,

U.S. APPLICATION NO. 10/553,530

I refer to your Notification of Insufficient fees (DO/EO/US) dated 06/15/2006

When I entered the National Stage of my PCT patent application on 10/17/2005 I was unaware of the requirement of additional fees for my application and thought that the basic National fees were sufficient to cover the cost of the application including the search report. Earlier this year I went to India for six months and have just recently returned to the UK to find your Notification of Insufficient fees which was not forwarded to me. The person responsible for forwarding important mail to me overlooked your Notice unfortunately as it was clipped behind a Notice of Publication document.

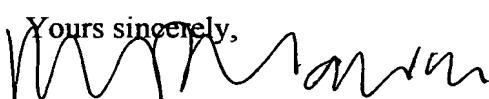
I would of course be very happy to pay the additional fees but I do not appear to be within the two months from the date of your notice or 32 months from the priority date.

I note that on page two of your notification it is stated that:  
“The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136a” and I wonder if there is any possibility to extend the time period under this provision.

I also note that my application is specified as a Large Entry. I would question this and wonder if you could check this for me please.

I do want to continue my application if there is any possible way of doing this and if you can help me in any way to reinstate my application I would be very grateful indeed. I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,



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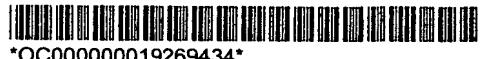
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**Notification of Insufficient Fees (DO/EO/US)**

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495).

- Copy of the International Application filed on 10/17/2005
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 10/17/2005
- Copy of IPE Report filed on 10/17/2005
- Oath or Declaration filed on 10/17/2005
- Request for Immediate Examination filed on 10/17/2005
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 10/17/2005
- Priority Documents filed on 10/17/2005

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

**SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:**

Total additional fees required for this application is **\$600** for a Large Entity:

- The application search fee has not been paid. Applicant must submit **\$400** to complete the search fee. Note a surcharge will be required if submitted later than commencement of the national stage (37 CFR 1.492(h)) and the basic national fee was not paid before July 1, 2005.
- The application examination fee has not been paid. Applicant must submit **\$200** to complete the examination fee for a non-small entity. Note a surcharge will be required if submitted later than commencement of the national stage (37 CFR 1.492(h)) and the basic national fee was not paid before July 1, 2005.

**ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 32 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.**

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the response.*

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